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Report Highlights: On Tuesday January 10, 2002, the Slovene Minister of Agriculture reported the discovery of a second case of BSE in Slovenia. Slovenia's first BSE case was reported in November.

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On Tuesday January 10, 2002 The Slovene Ministry of Agriculture reported the discovery of a second case of BSE in Slovenia. A quick test was used for initial diagnosis and the ministry is waiting for confirmation from the reference laboratory.

The 7 year old cow had been under veterinary care since November because it would not eat. All living offspring and all cows born in the same year on this farm have been destroyed. The farm is a dairy farm with 40 cows and some pigs. The cow is believed to have originated from the same farm as the first BSE case, in Ormoz, Slovenia.

The Ministry of Agriculture has recently announced plans for more aggressive testing of cattle. As of February 1, 2002, all cows older than 24 months will be tested as opposed to the former age cut-off of 30 months. Veterinary authorities also plan to start testing sheep later this year for diseases in the same class as BSE. (See SI2001 for complete report on Slovenia's BSE testing system.)